

# SETTLING THE GREAT STRIKE.

## Mitchell Says 10 Per Cent. Raise Will Not End the War—Secret Meetings.

The exact situation in the great coal strike is as follows: Under pressure the coal-carrying roads have decided to offer a 10 per cent. increase in wages to the miners. No recognition of the union will be involved in this offer, which will be accompanied by a proposition to arbitrate other points of difference. Mine superintendents are meeting to-day in Scranton and Wilkesbarre to get this offer into shape to present to the men. Individual operators are not being considered in the matter and will follow the coal roads.

President Mitchell declares positively that the strike is not ended, and that a 10 per cent. increase will not be sufficient to end it.

The Reading Company to-day has only twelve out of thirty-nine collieries at work, having lost another mine to-day.

A strike of bituminous miners in Ohio threatened by the men if wage scale is not lived up to by operators.

An important meeting is being held to-day at 24 Cortlandt street of all the independent operators of the anthracite coal regions.

Senator Hanna to present and was for some time in conference with President Mitchell, of the Erie road.

John Marlin, one of the biggest of the independents, arrived early this morning, but refused to discuss the strike situation.

He went directly to 24 Cortlandt street, where President Walter and Vice-President Bayre, of the Lehigh Valley road, and other coal operators were awaiting him.

The terms of surrender were put forth. They include the advance of 10 per cent. in wages for the strikers. The operators will deal directly with their men through the arbitrator, Cardinal Gibbons. He has agreed to serve, with the understanding that his mediation would be mutually acceptable.

It is believed that Senator Hanna had more to do with the proposed ending of the strike than any one other man. He is said to have come to New York for that express purpose and has succeeded in his mission.

President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers' Union, when informed by The World that the operators would grant the strikers a 10 per cent. advance in wages, said:

"The Union will not stand on any technicality of recognition. We did not order a strike for the pleasure of striking. If the concessions are entirely satisfactory I shall declare the strike off at once. If they are only partial, I shall call a conference and submit them to the miners—the men who made the strike. If they are satisfied with them, the Union will be bound by their decision. The Union looks only to the betterment of the men's condition. If what The World tells me is correct, this strike has won the greatest victory ever scored by organized labor."

Ex-Gov. Stone when asked what he thought of the ending of the coal miners' strike said:

"I hope the report that the coal strike is over is true. I hope so for the sake of the miners, who will go to work again at better wages, and for the sake of the consumers of coal. I hope the fight is over. Since it is so quickly over why did it begin at all?"

"If Mr. Hanna and Mr. Morgan are willing to give the miners the advance demanded for political reasons, why was it not given in the first instance as a matter of right?"

"I wonder if the increased wages would have been allowed if Mr. Hanna had not gone to Mr. Morgan and told him that the strike endangered the success of the Republican party, and that it must end? I wonder if Mr. Hanna would have taken any steps to end the strike if he had not found that its continuance would have endangered the success of his party in certain States?"

Senator Hanna when asked about the strike said:

"I don't care to discuss the matter at all."

"Is the strike actually ended?" he was asked.

"I don't care to discuss the matter at all," he replied.

### TO STRIKE IN OHIO.

Ultimatum Issued by Bituminous Miners for an Increase in Wages.

JACKSON, O., Sept. 28.—An ultimatum has been issued by the district president and member of the State Board of United Mine Workers to the operators of Ohio coal fields, embracing five companies, ordering a strike to-morrow unless the operators pay the scale for this district, which the miners claim is 50 cents per ton against 60 cents now being paid.

### MINERS STILL MARCH.

Sheriff Harvey Does Not Interfere at Hazleton—Another Colliery Closed.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 28.—There was a march of strikers from Hazleton to-day and as a result the colliery of J. B. Wents & Co. was practically shut down.

There was a flurry of apprehension in Hazleton when the people learned that a crowd of Freedmen strikers had arrived, but the marchers showed no disposition to become unruly.

Sheriff Harvey, with a small number of deputies, arrived on the scene but did not interfere with the marchers.

### JONES TALKS OF HANNA.

Coal Strike Queries and the Senator's Interest in Them.

Senator Hanna declined to-day to say anything concerning the part he took in the settlement of the coal strike.

Ex-Gov. Stone at Democratic National Headquarters when asked what he thought of Mr. Hanna's efforts to end the miners' troubles said:

"I have the report that the coal strike is over is true. I hope so for the sake of the miners who will go to work at better wages, and for the sake of the consumer I hope the fight is over."

"But since the strike is so quickly ended, why was it begun at all?" If Mr. Hanna and Mr. Pierpont Morgan are willing to give the advance demanded by the men, for political purposes, why was it not given in the first instance, as a matter of right?"

"I wonder if the increased wages would have been allowed if Mr. Hanna had not gone to Mr. Morgan and told him that the strike endangered the success of the Republican party and that it must end."

"And I wonder if Mr. Hanna would have taken any steps to end the strike if he had not feared that its continuance

### LOST WORK BY STRIKE.

Delaware and Hudson Coal Company Laid Off 300 Men.

Supt. Smith, of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, in Weehawken, to-day laid off the last of the company's employees, and there are now 300 of them out of work in Weehawken as a result of the Pennsylvania coal strike.

The men received an average of \$2.50 a day.

Some of the families of the unemployed men are in absolute want.

The hands dismissed include clerks, boatmen, yardmen, train hands and laborers.

### OPERATORS MEET.

Secret Sessions of the Coal Men at Wilkesbarre and Scranton.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 28.—The representatives of the big coal companies in the Wyoming and Lackawanna valleys had a meeting in the office of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in this city to-day. Chairman Lathrop of the Lehigh Valley Company, is presiding.

President Trustees of the Lackawanna Company, has referred to the superintendents the plan of settlement of the miners' strike as proposed by the presidents of the coal-carrying roads.

Up to this time the representatives of the companies in this section have had arbitrary power, and before any move was made by the presidents of the companies the high officials in charge of mines were consulted. But it would now appear that the presidents of the companies have taken all powers to themselves. The large individual operators were not represented at the conference.

One individual operator stood outside the door where the conference was held. Asked if he was taking part in the deliberations, he said:

"No. The individual operators will not figure in the settlement, if a settlement is made. Everything depends upon the big companies. What they say goes."

Some of the representatives of the companies here, while they will not oppose the granting of an increase in wages or a reduction in the price of powder, will advise against recognizing the miners' union.

After much discussion the views of those attending the conference were telegraphed to their superiors in New York, and the meeting adjourned.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 28.—General Superintendent Loomis, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Mining Department, is to-day in conference with the individual Coal Operators' Association here.

As chairman of the Superintendents' Association, embracing the mining heads of all the big coal-carrying roads, he has

# THINK PECK'S BODY WAS IN THIS WAGON.

## Evening World Finds New Clue in Mystery of Murder of Rich Architect.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES S. PECK. (From a photograph taken three weeks ago in the Catskills.)

Detestable as it was in earnest to-day following the clues furnished by The Evening World in the mysterious murder of old Charles S. Peck, the rich real-estate dealer, who was found dead in West Seventeenth street early yesterday morning with his skull fractured. The most important development to-day was a statement of James Reilly, who keeps a saloon near the spot where the murdered man was found, to the effect that a man in his saloon last night told of seeing a wagon driven hurriedly through Seventeenth street just before Peck was killed.

Reilly could not tell who had seen the wagon, but he was sure of the fact. Whoever told about it, according to Reilly, said that the wagon had made a great clattering as it was driven rapidly away.

It had been remarked because it came during the rain storm and made so much noise driving away. It was not a milk wagon such as are usually seen in the neighborhood at that hour, according to Reilly's informant. Reilly thinks Peck's body was brought to the neighborhood in this wagon.

Capt. McCusky said this morning that five of his men worked all last night on the case. They were Detectives McAfferty, Sam Price, Keag, Armstrong and Fogarty. They had succeeded in tracking Peck's movements up to the time he left the Delavan Hotel at 1:30 A. M. They are still working on the case, the Captain said.

### POLICE WAKE UP.

Capt. McCusky said his men had found a negro employee at Peck's Broadway place who said he had seen Peck in the lavatory in the basement of the Delavan Hotel.

He would endanger the success of the Republican party to certain States.

"The way, why should the strike be more harmful to the Republicans than the Democrats? It is because the Democratic party betrays the workingman."

"If not that, why did Mr. Hanna feel the strike would endanger his party?"

"While I am propounding questions I will put another. Is a settlement made with such conditions arranged in good faith, or is it only a temporary expedient intended to serve a purpose?"

"Or is it simply a good-enough Morgan until after election?"

### HOODLUMS JEER AS HANNA SPEAKS.

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man for what you want in the Administration of the United States.

HANNA NONPLUSSED.

"I believe every man whose mind is not made up will make it up before election day and will vote for the right."

"How about trust?" shouted a voice. Hanna was nonplussed for a moment and then said: "I am sorry but I haven't time to discuss that to-day. I would like to."

The rest of the sentence was interrupted by groans from all parts of the hall. The Senator stood for a moment and rising on tip-toes, shouted out:

"I'll tell you what trust to follow this year. Trust in William McKinley."

The repairs brought down the vast audience, and they cheered and called out for some time.

"What has President McKinley done for the people? I will tell you. From the day he entered public office he has had the country's welfare on his mind. His record stands in bold relief for the last twenty years. I challenge the public to point out one single act of his which was wrong in any way."

"In closing, I say that I did not come here to make a campaign speech, but to get inspiration. I have it now, and can tell you that this meeting is one of many, and that the voters, not only of

### BLISS WOULD NOT SPEAK.

Senator Hanna finished his speech at 12:30 o'clock, and the cheering was again renewed. There were immediately loud calls of "Bliss!" "Bliss!" but Bliss did not respond more than to bow and left the platform with the Senator.

The crowd of police had to be again called into use as the crowd broke away from the usual standing room and rushed across the hall to see the noted financier.

The meeting quickly thinned out after Senator Hanna's departure, but several hundred stayed to hear Walter C. Emory, of Portland, Me., and Isaac Ford, of this city, who closed the meeting.

### SUPT. HILDEBRAND DEAD.

Henry Hildebrand, of Brooklyn, for twenty-eight years superintendent of the distilling plant of the Standard Oil Company at Greenpoint, died at his summer residence in Milford, Pa., to-day. Mr. Hildebrand had been ill for several years and went to Milford for his health two years ago. He was forty-six years old.

# LITTLE MOTHERS OF COAL MINES.

## Evening World Woman Visits the Tiny Heroines of Great Strike.

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## "LITTLE MOTHERS" OF THE MINES.

(Special to The Evening World.)

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 28.—Twelve days of idleness, of swiftly ebbing supplies, of a more and more intimate knowledge of that cold, cruel grip with which destitution seizes the very hearts of the poor, have forced the women of the miners' families to seek labor for themselves.

A week ago they would not have thought it possible that they could leave their homes, bound as they are by their cares as mother, nurse, housewife and drudge. But necessity has spoken now. And leaving their poor houses untended and their sickly children unfed, these brave women are trying to sell the labor of their hands in order to buy the things that support life.

But if this is a hard undertaking for the women, neither is it easy for the little girls on whom the mother's responsibility devolves. There are hundreds of little girls in Hazleton doing women's work who ought to be sitting placidly in the schoolroom.

### WEARY CHILDREN PICK UP COAL.

You cannot pass one of the dreary black culm hills without seeing girls of nine or ten either bent double over the slate in which there is occasionally a bit of coal, or dragging wearily along the baskets that contain the results of their hours of labor. The poorer families cannot buy coal now. And such fuel as is used must be laboriously picked from the refuse by the delicate hands of children.

Trudging along the street this morning was a girl of ten carrying two twin babies a year old, one on each arm. The proceeding looked uncommonly dangerous for all three of the little mites. I asked the little girl her name and heard the familiar, touching story.

"Mamie Sullivan," she said. "Yes, these are my little brothers. Papa's on strike and mamma's out to find washing, and I'm minding the babies because they aren't very well and we don't want them to die like my little sister did. They like to have me carry them around, and I don't mind. Play? No, I'm too old."

Responsibility isn't new to these "little mothers." Instinct as they are with a mother's divine unselfishness. They have known it ever since they were born and long before the strike was heard of. They seem never too young to accept their share of the domestic burdens, and when they get old enough to work outside their homes all day they are usually forced to seek a place in the shirt factory here—a factory built not because the market stood in need of shirts, but to give employment to the daughters of the men whose employers underpay them. This is literally true, and not many factories are built for such a purpose. It is vain and useless, the miners will tell you, to make them glittering promises so long as their boys must pick slate and their girls work in mills. The most precious dream that these de-frauded people cherish in their hungry hearts is that their children may some day know the happiness and independence that their parents have been driven to renounce.

### THE STORY OF JOHN PATTERSON, HERO.

The stout-hearted women who are now resolutely standing out for the success of the strike and whose courage is each day more severely tested, have been impressed, and not a little encouraged, by a true story that Organizer Dilcher has been telling. Several of them have repeated it to me. It is the story of John Patterson and his wife, of Nelsonville, O.

John Patterson took part in the great strike of the bituminous coal miners. He had suffered wrongs and poverty with the other miners. Moreover, he was a union man and believed in the strike with all his heart and soul. For that matter, so did his wife, and they waited and hoped and prayed, and starved—together.

Starving is harder than fighting, and more heroic, and it was a long siege. But that was not the worst of it. There was a baby—a puny little thing, not a year old, but its mother loved it even more dearly than if it had been plump and dimpled, and dressed in cambric and lace.

One night a brother miner came to see John Patterson.

"Better give up, John," he said; "we're losing. There's no use in starving too."

John Patterson pointed to his wife, who sat nursing her weak, fretful baby, watching its little blue-white face with all the passionate anxiety of a mother beset by the last, worst fear.

### HER BABY DYING OF HUNGER.

"You know well enough why that baby is dying," he said quietly. "The mother hasn't eaten anything herself for two days. I had nothing to give her."

"But rather than give up, rather than hurt the cause that's going to mean everything to the rest of you, we'll starve here in a bunch—yes, and let the baby there starve too."

The visitor said no more, but went out and told the story of John Patterson and his heroic wife. Every man and woman that heard it took courage. The tide turned and the bituminous strike was won.

To-day, says Mr. Dilcher, there are no breaker boys in the bituminous coal fields and the mule-drivers are earning \$2 a day.

I am sure Mr. Dilcher has not meant to imply by this story that there are no John Pattersons among the anthracite miners, for I have seen them already and talked with them.

OLIVIA HOWARD DUNBAR.

### BRYAN ON HIS TOUR.

Makes Speeches in South Dakota from His Flying Special Train.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 28.—W. J. Bryan, Democratic Presidential candidate, boarded the special train provided by the National Committee and started from this city at 7:30 A. M. on his long speaking tour—the last before election.

The Dakota line was crossed in a few minutes, and the train soon was traveling swiftly across the prairie in a westerward direction. At Sioux City the party was joined by J. C. Dahlgren, National Committeeman for Nebraska.

Mr. Bryan was interrupted while eating breakfast to make a speech at Vermillion, S. Dak. He had previously spoken at Elk Point.

### TO SAVE HOWARD.

(Special to The Evening World.)

STATE HOUSE, FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 28.—The local authorities here show some concern over the rumors that Jim Howard's friends will try to rescue him.

While the guard has not been strengthened at the jail officers of counties in central Kentucky have been requested to keep a lookout for mountain men moving toward Frankfort.

Lost, Found and Rewards.

LAKE.—Suddenly, on Thursday, Sept. 27, JAMES, son of Wm. B. Lake and Phoebe M. Cropper, in his 13th year, Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, 261 Van Hooken St., cor. Lake place, Greenport, on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 P. M.

WILLIAM.—Twenty-five dollars reward will be paid by W. K. Walker, 1354 E. 7th, for the return of a Crouch & Fitzgerald 12-inch light colored leather trunk with initials C. W. C. on black and white C. on each end. Trunk was delivered in camp near a railroad station on Sept. 15.

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